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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION NUMBER PLATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) On and after January
2 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue support public
3 education commemorative number plates of a design to enhance
4 public awareness of state efforts to support public education in
5 Connecticut. The design shall be determined by agreement between
6 the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Motor
7 Vehicles. No use shall be made of such plates except as official
8 registration marker plates.

9 (b) A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for support public
10 education commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular
11 fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen
12 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the
13 Department of Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing,
14 issuing, renewing and replacing such number plates and thirty-five
15 dollars of such fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the
16 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of

17 section 14-21t of the general statutes. Such number plates shall have
18 letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
19 The commissioner may establish a higher fee for: (1) Number plates
20 that contain the numbers and letters from a previously issued number
21 plate; (2) number plates that contain letters in place of numbers as
22 authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in addition to the
23 fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section 14-49; and (3)
24 number plates that are low number plates issued in accordance with
25 section 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees
26 prescribed for registration under said section 14-160.

27 (c) A renewal fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for renewal of
28 registration of a motor vehicle bearing a support public education
29 commemorative number plate, in addition to the regular fee or fees
30 prescribed for renewal of registration of a motor vehicle. Five dollars
31 of the renewal fee shall be designated for administrative costs of the
32 Department of Motor Vehicles. No additional renewal fee shall be
33 charged for renewal of registration for any motor vehicle bearing a
34 support public education commemorative number plate which
35 contains letters in place of numbers, or low number plates, in excess of
36 the renewal fee for support public education commemorative number
37 plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of
38 Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an
39 existing registration to or from a registration with support public
40 education commemorative number plates.

41 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the
42 Commissioner of Education, may adopt regulations, in accordance
43 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish
44 standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement
45 of support public education commemorative number plates.

46 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may notify eligible
47 motorists of the opportunity to obtain support public education
48 commemorative number plates by including a notice with motor

49 vehicle registration renewals and by posting appropriate posters or
 50 signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs
 51 shall be designed by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation
 52 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

53 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) There is established an
 54 account to be known as the "support public education account" which
 55 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The
 56 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in
 57 the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any
 58 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year
 59 next succeeding. The account shall be available to the Commissioner of
 60 Education for providing competitive grants to public schools to
 61 enhance public education.

62 (b) The Commissioner of Education may receive private donations
 63 to the support public education account and any such receipts shall be
 64 deposited in the account.

65 (c) The Commissioner of Education may provide for the
 66 reproduction and marketing of the support public education
 67 commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, recreational
 68 equipment, posters, mementos, or other products or programs deemed
 69 by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the
 70 support public education account. Any funds received by the
 71 Commissioner of Education from such marketing shall be deposited in
 72 the support public education account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a motor vehicle number plate for the support of public education.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]